



# Inside College Station

*A publication for College Station citizens*

## Back to School Safety

From kindergarten to college, August signals the start of school, a time to think safety with increased numbers of pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic.

### Riding the Bus

Although school bus transportation is safe, every year students are injured in incidents involving school buses. More often than not, these injuries occur as students enter and exit the bus. Remember these safety tips:

- Have a safe place to wait, away from traffic and busy streets.
- Stay clear until the bus comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- When being dropped off, exit and walk ten giant steps away from the bus, keeping a safe distance. Remember to stay where the driver can see you. Never go directly in front of or behind the bus.
- Use the handrail to enter and exit.
- Be aware of street traffic. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, but some do not.



### Walking to School

- Be attentive to all traffic signals and the crossing guard. Never cross the street against a light.
- Walk your bike through intersections.
- Always TAKE A FRIEND when walking to and from school. Walk and ride in well-lit areas, and never take shortcuts.
- Wear white or light colors, because it makes you more visible to street traffic, especially at dawn, dusk or at night.
- Identify a safe route to school. Stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields, and other places where there aren't many people around.

### Biking to School

- When you ride on the road, your bike or motorcycle is a vehicle and you must obey traffic laws. That means riding in the direction traffic is going, signaling when you are turning, and obeying traffic signs and signals.
- Scan the road behind. Learn to look back over your shoulder without losing your balance or swerving left. Some riders use helmet-mounted or bike-mounted rear-view mirrors. Always look back before changing lanes or changing positions within your lane, and only move when no other vehicle is in your way.
- Go slowly on sidewalks and bike paths. People have the right-of-way. Give them audible (horn/bell/word) warning when you pass.
- Stay about a car-door-width away from parked cars in case someone opens a car door in front of you.
- Always wear a CSA, ANSI or Snell approved helmet. This reduces the potential for head injury by 85%.

## New Northgate Parking Rates

Effective: August 1, 2006



### 24 Hour Leases

Annual	\$680.00
Semester	\$235.00
Monthly	\$ 65.00

### Daily Leases

Annual	\$415.00
Semester	\$145.00
Monthly	\$ 40.00

### Hourly Rates

Daily Rate	\$ .50
Nightly Rate	\$ 1.00
Lot Meters	\$ .50
Street Meters	\$ .25

First hour of garage parking free from 7am to 7pm. Garage parking on Sunday free from 7am to 2pm.



## Mark Your Calendar

**August 3 Planning and Zoning Commission\***, 7 pm, City Hall

**August 6 National Kids Day**, 1 pm, Lincoln Recreation Center, 764-3779

**August 7 City Council\***, Work/Study Session, 3pm; Regular Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

**August 9 Senior Computer Club**, 9 -10:30 am, 764-6371

**August 15 CSISD begins fall classes**

**August 17 Planning and Zoning Commission\***, 7 pm, City Hall

**August 23 Senior Computer Club**, 9 -10:30 am, 764-6371

**August 24 City Council\***, Work/Study Session, 3 pm; Regular Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

**August 28 TAMU Fall Semester begins**

**August 29 Lincoln Center After School Program begins**, 764-3779

**September 2 Aggie Football vs. Citadel**, 6 pm

**Tiger Football @ Pflugerville**, 7 pm

**September 4 Labor Day**, City offices closed, no sanitation collection

**September 7 Planning and Zoning Commission\***, 7 pm, City Hall

**September 9 Kolache Festival**, Caldwell, (979) 567-3218, [www.burlesoncountytexas.com](http://www.burlesoncountytexas.com)

**Aggie Football vs. Louisiana Lafayette**, 6pm

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\* *Broadcast live on Cable Channel 19 and [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov)*

## News to Know



How does your garden grow? Smart gardeners know that the answer lies in composting. Learn what the pros know at the **Master Composting class** offered by the Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency. The class is held September 13, 14, and 16 at the Brazos Center. A registration fee of \$15 includes the 3-day course, instructional materials, a compost bin and t-shirt. For more details, or to apply, call 764-3806.



Cleaning house? Having a football party? Too much trash for your container? When garbage from a temporary event piles up, please don't set it out on bulky trash day. Just refill your automated container and request extra garbage service by calling Public Works at 764-3690. They'll be glad to return and collect the extra waste at no additional charge as long as the situation is temporary. If you continue to have excess garbage on a regular basis, call Public Works at 764-3690 to order an additional container.



Want to see how your Police Department works? Eager to learn what officers do each day? Want to ride around in a real police car? If so, College Station's Citizen Police Academy is for you. The next session starts September 5 and is held Tuesdays from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Call 764-3575 for more information or to sign up.

## Keeping Your Cool

Attic ventilation is extremely important for our homes since residential roofs receive significant solar exposure during the summer and through most of the winter months. An improperly ventilated attic can reach temperatures of 160 degrees and higher. Even with well insulated ceilings, heat will transfer through the insulation to the ceilings and into the house. The lower the temperature in the attic, the more efficient the ceiling insulation. If the air conditioning and duct system is located in the attic, the intense heat will also add to the heat load making the air conditioning system work harder.

With the high humidity in the Brazos Valley area, attic ventilation is also essential in preventing moisture build up. Condensation can occur and reduce the effectiveness of the attic insulation and in extreme cases can lead to structural damage.

Attic ventilation is usually done in combination of soffit vents and ridge, eave or turbine vents. Turbine vents should be located near the home's highest peaks. This type of ventilation is known as natural or gravity ventilation and works continuously providing cost-free ventilation at all times. Powered ventilator fans move more air but in most cases the savings will not outweigh the cost of the fans operation. Homes built before 1990 most likely have insufficient attic ventilation. For more information call 764-6274.



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**September 15** Tiger Football vs. Austin Westlake, 7:30 pm

**September 16** Aggie Football @ Army (Alamo Dome, San Antonio), 8:15 pm

**September 21** Planning and Zoning Commission\*, 7 pm, City Hall

**September 22** Tiger Football @ Katy HS, 7:30 pm

**September 23** Aggie Football vs. Louisiana Tech, 6 pm

**September 27** Senior Computer Club, 9 -10:30 am, 764-6371

**September 28** City Council\*, Work/Study Session, 3 pm; Regular Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

**September 29** Tiger Football vs. Killeen Shoemaker, 7:30 pm

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